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Good Evening, Everybody:-

I ~~have come out to~~ ^{am in} Chicago ^{tonight, out here} for one of the ~~most~~ ^{things} thrilling ~~events~~ ^{also} of the year - the International Air Races, and the Gordon Bennett Balloon Races in which aeronauts from France, Belgium, Germany, Poland, and the United States will take part. Not only Chicago, but the entire middle west is agog over these events which are to be held at Curtiss-Wright Airport, Chicago, September 1, 2, 3, and 4 --- starting day after tomorrow, ~~and~~ ending Labor Day.

Among the aviation celebrities here to take part are Major Ernst Udet, Germany's greatest living war ace, ~~also~~ ^{and} Lieutenant Tito Falconi, the pride of Italy, who hung up that upside down flying record on Monday. There will also be a squadron of eighteen Curtiss Hell Diver Marine Planes from Quantico, Virginia, and eighteen army Curtiss Hawks from Selfridge Field, Michigan.

Al Lodwick tells me that Jimmie Doolittle and Eddie Rickenbacker are to be the lord high Poo-bahs at this meet

and among the famous flyers who will take part are Colonel

Roscoe Turner, Jimmie Wedell, James and May Haizlip, ~~Lee Smith~~

and many others, *one of whom is scheduled to do a*
~~Spot Manning is to do his~~ two mile high dive.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull returned from a vacation today and announced at the State Department in Washington that Norman Davis leaves for Europe today to confer again with John Bull and France on the problem of World Disarmament. Secretary Hull also made it public that the Department of State considers the tragic Cuban question settled. He stated that Ambassador Sumner Welles will return to Washington next Tuesday, there to resume his former job of Assistant Secretary in charge of Latin American affairs. Mr. Sumner Welles' principal task now will be to make arrangements for the great Pan American conference to be held at Montevideo, Uruguay, in December.

HENRY FORD

(What is termed Henry Ford's continued refusal to pay attention to NRA has now attracted the attention of the President.) Following General Johnson's speech in Washington last night, President Roosevelt talked on the telephone with the NRA administrator. It seems that the President wants complete information on Mr. Ford and his attitude. General Johnson says that so far he has had no word, not even the slightest bit of information from Mr. Ford or his organization of any intention to comply with the requirements laid down for the automobile industry by NRA. (Mr. Ford has, ~~however~~, announced that wages and working hours in his plant are far above the requirements of the code. He also intimates that he is therefore going to do nothing about NRA.) General Johnson's Washington speech, as you perhaps noted, seemed to ^{be} aim ^{ed} directly and specifically at Henry Ford. The General stated that ^{Mr.} Ford would get no Blue Eagle unless he signed the automobile code.

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All this has created a sensation in the motor industry. (Administrator Johnson ^{declared} ~~says~~ today that Henry Ford has until September Fifth to sign. He also says that Uncle Sam will buy no more cars from the Ford plants until Henry signs. And, Uncle Sam is quite a good customer for cars.)

General Johnson ^{added} ~~also declares today~~ that two million unemployed have gone back to work since NRA went into effect. Payrolls have increased by thirty million dollars each week, so the General tells us.

At the same time the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington gives out the information that the National Recovery Program is not proceeding so fast as it had been hoped --- that is, so far as the farmers are concerned. During the month of July farm prices slipped a little. The purchasing power of the farmers of the country dropped ten percent between July fifteenth and August fifteenth. Simultaneously, things which farmers have to buy went up in price. However, the farmer is definitely in a better position than he was a year ago.

Fannie Hurst.

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INTRO TO MISS HURST

The only reason I'm sorry I am not in New York tonight is that I shall miss seeing the charming lady who is tonight's guest speaker on behalf of the NRA. She is the distinguished and brilliant novelist, Fannie Hurst. You don't need me or anybody else to tell you anything about Fannie Hurst. So, from where you sit/^athousand miles away from where I am, Miss Hurst, will you give the country your part of the NRA message?

FANNIE HURST

There are many aspects of human psychology which are being turned over by the large spade of NRA, and exposed to light.

When all this great experiment is said and done and it will be said and done as only Americans can say it and do it when they put shoulder to wheel, it will ^{also} ~~also~~ have written a page in the book of our national and racial psychology.

In these couple of minutes at my disposal, I want to touch upon a tremendous trife which is doing its unworthy bit to slow down the functioning machinery of NRA.

There comes to the attention of the authorities at

Washington a condition that would be ludicrous were it not so seriously a part of our present dilemma. Merchants all over the country are complaining that they cannot get old bills paid up. If these bills could be collected they state they could more readily sign the President's ~~same~~ agreement and keep it, for it would give them the added cash necessary for the increase in wages and the shortening of the work hour.

They further complain that many people when urged to pay these back bills become indignant and go elsewhere to do their shopping, paying cash.

What is in the mind of the consumer who reasons this fashion during a crisis like this? He must come down off his high horse. It is not a pretty horse; it is not even a spirited, well-bred, winning horse. It is spavined, decrepit, and a disgrace to good sportsmanship.

Ultimate consumer, the searchlight of the country is upon you. Whether you like it or not, you are the backbone of the nation. Our nervous system, our power to stand erect, our capacity for forward strides rests in you. Now is the time for all

good women and men to play cricket.

Pay up! Do it gracefully. Do it now!

Merchants need money. Merchants need you. You need them. We all need one another. Play cricket.

You do not need me to tell you that for reasons connected with the safety of your country, the safety of your children, the safety of yourselves N.R.A. dares not fail.

This is not uttered in the key of veiled threat, but every individual listening in must realize with me that N.R.A. dares not fail.

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The Dominion of Canada is somewhat upset by the possibility of a railroad strike. The companies want the men to take a second wage cut of ten percent. A strike or not to strike vote is now being taken ~~among~~ among railway unions. But the Dominion Government has appointed two conciliation boards to investigate the whole matter and reconcile, if possible, the differences between the men and the companies. A general rail strike in Canada would seriously tie things up from the Atlantic to the Pacific --- from Halifax to Vancouver.

REPEAL

Complete returns show that the Far Western State of Washington is now, definitely, the twenty-fourth state to vote for repeal. Some six hundred thousand votes were cast. So Field Marshall Jim Farley's prediction that the liquid drouth would be past history by Christmas may come to pass. However, the drys are still fighting hard. Seven more states will vote next month:- Vermont, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, my old home state of Colorado, Idaho, and New Mexico. All of these states were reported wet in the digest poll a year ago.

Uncle Sam's example in discarding prohibition has fired Sweden with ambition to change her law. Sweden has had strict control of liquor for twenty years, control under a system that allowed every man only some four quarts of hard liquor per month. Even those four quarts he has not been allowed to buy unless officials considered that he could afford it, and that he was not using money that should go for the baby's shoes.

5 Women in Sweden are allowed only half rations --- an admirable idea! But, since the USA started to throw overboard the Eighteenth Amendment, the Swedes are beginning to think their system is too drastic. So a commission has just been appointed to discuss changes.

Another interesting ~~is~~ circumstance is that while America is drinking more and more beer, Germany is said to be drinking less and less. Twenty years ago the amount of beer consumed in the Fatherland was twenty eight gallons a year to each person. I learn that consumption of beer over there now is only half as much.

RUSSIA

The supreme Soviet Council decreed death today on a man who cheated workers.

The tribunal sentenced Ivan Lskatchaeff, the chief accountant in the Ural Machine Works to be executed at Sverdlovsk for making defalcations in the wages of Russian workers.

NBC

AUSTRIA

(The grave conditions existing on the Austrian Border where Premier Dollfuss is mobilizing troops to fight the Nazis reached a grave crisis today.

A wireless message from Vienna informs me that a gang of Nazis broken into the Austrian prison at Innsbnnck; overpowered two wardens and rescued Nazi leader Franz Hofer; who had been in prison for his Nazi propaganda work in Austria.) Austri-
an soldiers and police could find no trace of the Nazis after the jail delivery.

NBC

O'DUFFY

Irish Police evidently acting on the orders of President De Valera; who last Friday declared General O'Duffy's Blue shirts an Illegal organization, today raided the O'Duffy headquarters in Dublin.

They broke open the door to his office, and with rifle butts cracked open his private desk, confiscating valuable papers and documents. No arrests were made.

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COCHET

All Paris was agog with evidently authentic reports that Henri Cochet, the greatest of French Tennis Players, would turn professional next week. There was some talk that the great Cochet might join up with William Tilden, America's Tennis Star, and tour with his professional group throughout the continent.

NBC

ROME

The Italian Foreign Office today announced that its economic agreement with Russia had been concluded and that it would be signed and formally ratified either Thursday or Saturday. NBC

RESCUE

In the mountainous districts of upstate New York, the Adirondacks, State authorities today were faced with two human dramas.

John Gibbs, Deputy Conservation Commissioner for New York State, told me by long distance telephone today the following two strange stories:-

Near Watkins Glen, two deer wandered onto a steep island-like ledge. That was three days ago. How they got there no one knows. One of the deer suddenly wandered too near the edge of the precipice and plunged to her death 200 feet below. For two days now State Game Wardens and New York State Troopers have been trying to get the other deer off. But she is frightened, and refuses to move.

To keep her from starving to death, a game warden climbed a higher cliff. Regularly he has been lowering alfalfa and buckets of water to the deer. Meanwhile rescuers have built a temporary bridge, but the deer seems to be too frightened and so far refuses to cross.

Mr. Gibbs tells me that a plan is on foot to throw a sleeping opiate into the bucket of water and to rescue the deer when it falls asleep. NBC

RESCUE - 2

Meanwhile a fight for human life was going on at the great wall-faced mountain cliff near Lake Placid. Three boy scouts climbed up to a high ledge where a slip would mean a 400 ft. fall to death. The place where they are trapped is like a half eggshell cut out of the mountainside. Late this afternoon Mr. Gibbs tells me a plane from Plattsburgh sighted the boys and spread the alarm. Twelve state troopers and forest rangers have set out for the rescue. Mr. Gibbs thinks that the forest rangers may know some secret trails to that place which the boys are unable to find. If this plan doesn't work, the rangers are ~~xxxxx~~ carrying with them one thousand feet of rope, and hope to let the boys crawl down the 400 ~~feet~~ foot mountainside, while the rescue party above ties it to a nearby tree.

NEWS FROM JAPAN

Here's a curious yarn that Ellery Walter sends me from Japan. Nichi-Nichi, the famous Japanese newspaper has a bird loft on top of the building where the paper is published. Seven hundred homing pigeons live there. When a reporter from Nichi-Nichi goes down to Yokohama to meet an incoming ocean liner he carries along several pigeons in a cage. When he gets his story he puts it in a little aluminum tube, ties it to the leg of the pigeon and off the bird flies to the editorial offices of Nichi-Nichi. About two hours are saved in this way. The ship photographers do the same thing. And reporters at baseball games in Japan also have pigeons with them. He releases a bird at the end of each inning and as the reports are written on very thin paper, each bird can carry enough copy to fill a column of type. Can't you just see all our American sport writers, sitting in a baseball stadium, watching Connie Mack's team battling with Boston and releasing pigeons every few minutes?

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BRINKERHOFF

Bob Brinkerhoff, famous cartoonist, whose Sunday supplement cartoons are familiar from coast to coast, has his own island, called Brinkerhoff Island, near a place with the funny name of Meddybemps, Maine. He writes and asks me to send him a flannel shirt. He says the only one he has fell over and broke last night. Then he ends his letter by saying:- "Must quit now. A big moose is chasing my wife around the island and I'll have to go out and make him quit before he breaks his horns!" so, e-l-u-t-m

~~I think that entitles Bob Brinkerhoff to the~~

~~Tall Story championship of America for this week.~~

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